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OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE SUPPORT OFFICERS MEETING

19 June 1974

1. Items of interest from DDO Staff Meeting - 19 June.

a. Mr. Nelson stated, that, when it is necessary to brief someone outside the Agency about a flap situation, he would like to be aware of it.

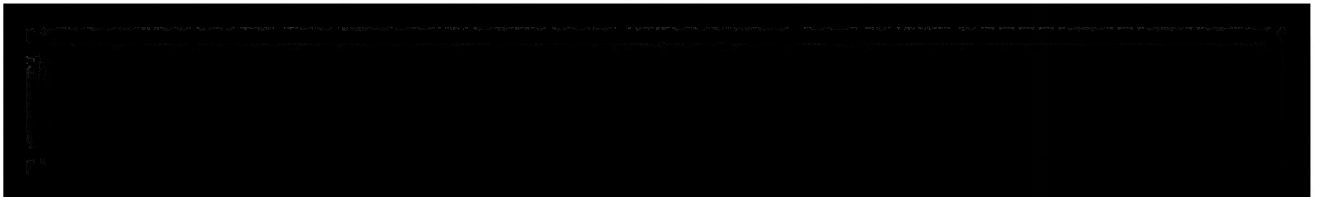
b. The DDO will shortly modify the Saturday duty instructions. The duty period will continue to be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but it will not be necessary to maintain broad coverage unless someone is required by actual workload. A DDO notice will be issued shortly.

25X1A c. Mr. Nelson met with Mr. Rodriguez, D/TR, to review various aspects of covert training. [REDACTED] will be in touch with the Divisions and Staffs as a follow-up. Mr. Nelson would like to up-date the quality of the training and insure that it keeps pace with changes in the operational environment.

d. Retirements. The DDO has 81 employees retiring this month. There will be a total of 180 for this fiscal year. Although the retirements were expected, there is some concern that many of the people who are leaving are people we would like to keep.

e. State Day at CIA. The all day briefing for Department of State officers last Friday was apparently a success. All of those whose opinions were sought after the session were enthusiastic about it. There were about 150 visitors present.

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g. Senior Seminar. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that he had completed a quick review of Division and Staff attitudes toward the Senior Seminar. He stated that, although it is difficult to fill the quotas, the course is very highly regarded and those who have attended urged its continuation. It is not possible to release supergrade employees in the numbers that would be required to attend the course. This seems to be the crux of the problem.

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Mr. [REDACTED] will be in touch with OTR to determine whether it might be possible to lower the grade requirements to senior GS-14's who are on the "comers" list.

2. Security violations for the past month were the lowest in the past two years.

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